

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes X
no

Property Name: Riggs Sanitarium Inventory Number: F-5-9
Address: 4730 Ijamsville Road City: Ijamsville Zip Code: 21754
County: Frederick USGS Topographic Map: Urbana
Owner: Aljo Investments LLC Is the property being evaluated a district? yes
211, Lot
Tax Parcel Number: 2 Tax Map Number: 87 Tax Account ID Number: 311173
Project: Ijamsville Road Improvements Agency: Frederick County Division of Public Works
Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name: Date:
Is the property located within a historic district? yes X no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number:

NR-listed district yes Eligible district yes District Name:

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible X yes no

Criteria: X A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP form, Historical Society of Frederick County

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The property comprises a complex containing the former sanitarium and thirteen buildings and structures. The sanitarium sits on a rise, with the lawn sloping down towards Ijamsville Road. A driveway provides access to the buildings and structures. Ijamsville Road is not visible from the sanitarium. Mowed lawns and mature trees characterize the front yard of the former sanitarium. Existing trees and a curve in Ijamsville Road shield the sanitarium from view from the road. The buildings are located on parcel 222 on tax map 87. Riggs Sanitarium includes seven contributing (the Sanitarium, Cottage A, Cottage B, Cottage C, Cottage D, the Meat house, and Root cellar) and six non-contributing (the Stable, Storage building, Shed 1, Shed 2, the Equipment shed, and Water tank) resources. The historic resource boundaries include approximately 16.63 acres and consist of the property encompassing all thirteen buildings and structures.

The ca. 1861 former sanitarium consists of three formerly free-standing dwellings connected by hyphens. The dwellings were constructed linearly and face south. The primary building is centered in the complex. The primary dwelling is two stories and terminates in a gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. The building occupies a rectangular footprint with an integrated two-story rear ell. The building has four brick chimneys. The wood-frame building rests on a rubble stone foundation and is clad in German lap siding. Windows consist of six-over-six-light, double-hung, wood-sash units and two-over-two-light, double-hung, wood-sash units. A front porch extends the full width of the building. The porch roof is supported by turned columns.

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Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: X A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Comments: ALL BUILDINGS ON PROPERTY CONTRIBUTE TO THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RESOURCE

Don O'Connell ✓
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

4/20/04
Date

B. C. Smith
Reviewer, NR Program

4/26/04
Date

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The main entrance is centered in the elevation; a three-light transom characterizes the entrance. A two-story, wood-frame addition was constructed east of the principal block. The addition rests on a stone foundation. A one-story addition clad in T1-11 wood siding is located at the first floor of the ell's east elevation. The north elevation of the rear ell also features a second floor covered landing with shed roof accessed by a covered, open stair.

A two-story hyphen with basement connects the main building to the adjacent dwelling. The wood-frame hyphen rests on a concrete basement and terminates in a shed roof. Six, six-light, fixed-sash, wood windows are located in the basement. First floor windows consist of a row of five, forty-nine-light windows. The second floor has paired, double-hung, one-over-one light, wood-sash windows. Two-over-two-light, double-hung, wood-sash units are found on the rear of the hyphen.

The second dwelling, constructed ca. 1861, was constructed to the right (east) of the hyphen. The two-story, wood-frame building rests on a stone foundation and terminates in a gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. The building is clad in German lap siding. Windows consist of six-over-six-light, double-hung, wood-sash units. A single-story, wrap-around porch with a shallow-pitched hipped roof rests on brick piers and is characterized by turned columns and a balustrade. An off-center entrance is flanked to the east by a large, six-over-six-light, double-hung, wood-sash window. The west end of the porch's south elevation has been enclosed by a series of six-over-six-light, double-hung, wood-sash windows. A porte-cochere is located on the rear (north) elevation of the building. Squat, square posts support the shallow-pitched hipped roof of the porte-cochere. The roof is sheathed in corrugated metal. A six-light, four panel wood door, and a contemporary wood door are found on the rear elevation.

A single-story, wood-frame hyphen is located to the left (west) of the primary dwelling and connects it to the former nurses' house. The hyphen was constructed in 1968 according to the current owner. The hyphen rests on a rubble stone foundation and is clad in German lap siding on the front (south) elevation and brick on the rear (north) elevation. The hyphen has six-over-six-light, double-hung, wood-sash windows. A contemporary two-panel metal door with leaded glass is centered in the rear (north) elevation.

The ca. 1861 former nurses' house, located west of the hyphen, occupies a rectangular footprint and terminates in a gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. The wood-frame building rests on brick piers and a parged stone foundation. The exterior is clad in German lap siding. Windows consist of six-over-six-light, double-hung, wood-sash units. The first floor is characterized by a screened porch enclosed by lattice. A wood door is centered in the elevation. Two concrete steps lead to the porch. A single-story, wood-frame addition with shed roof was constructed to the rear (north) of the building and has a variety of windows including six-over-six-light, double-hung units, and two-over-two-light, double-hung units. A number of different types of doors also are located on the addition. A gable-roof dormer is located on the rear (north) elevation. The window opening was converted to a door. An enclosed stair leading from a first floor porch provides access to the dormer. The stair roof is made of corrugated metal.

Cottage A

A ca. 1896 cottage is located northwest of the former sanitarium and faces south. According to the current property owner, this building was moved to its current location. The one-story, wood-frame building occupies a rectangular footprint. The building terminates in a gable roof that is sheathed in asphalt shingles. A brick chimney is located in the center of the roof. Asbestos shingles clad the building. Windows consist of one-over-one light, double-hung, wood-sash units with wood blinds. An un-ornamented, wood off-center front porch partially extends across the building. The porch has a simple balustrade and wood posts. A single-story rear (north) addition has a shed roof, and is clad in asbestos siding.

Cottage B

A ca. 1896 single-story cottage is located north of the former sanitarium and faces south. The building occupies a square footprint and terminates in a hipped gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. The wood-frame building rests on a concrete slab foundation. Two chimneys are found on the building. A parged chimney is located in the center of the roof and a brick chimney is located flush in the gable end of the north elevation. The building's exterior is clad in German lap siding. Windows consist of two-over-two light, double-hung, wood-sash units. Wood blinds characterize the windows on the front elevation. The paneled wood door has four lights. A stoop with hipped roof and turned columns is located on the front (south) elevation.

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Cottage C

A ca. 1896 single-story, wood-frame cottage is located northeast of the former sanitarium and faces west. The cottage occupies a rectangular footprint and terminates in a gable roof. A partially recessed bay extends to the north. The building rests on a stone foundation. Asbestos siding clads the building. Four-light, wood casement windows with wood blinds characterize the building. Metal awnings are located above the windows. The primary entrance is centered in the front elevation. A stoop with hood covers the entrance. The hood terminates in a gable roof with a decorative frieze and is supported by turned columns. A contemporary, metal door with nine lights provides access to the dwelling. An addition was constructed on the east elevation of the building. The addition is constructed of brick and T1-11 wood siding. A row of one-over-one-light, vinyl-sash windows are found on the addition. A large, flush, gable end brick chimney is located on the east elevation of the addition.

Cottage D

A ca. 1896 cottage is located north of the former sanitarium. The single-story building occupies a rectangular footprint. The wood-frame building is clad in asbestos siding. The front gable roof is sheathed in composition roll. Six-over-one-light, double-hung, wood-sash windows characterize the dwelling. Single, off center doors are found on the north and south elevations. The wood doors have three lights and two vertical panels.

Outbuildings

Stable

The ca. 1950 one-story stable is located west of the primary building and faces south. The wood-frame building rests on a dirt foundation and terminates in a shed roof. The exterior is clad in T1-11 wood siding and plywood. The roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles and corrugated plastic. The building is divided into three stalls. The roof projects over the entrance of the stable and functions like a porch. Plywood additions are constructed to rear (north) and side (east) of the stable.

Storage building

A ca. 1950 storage building is located northwest of the primary building and faces north. The building occupies a rectangular footprint, with numerous additions. The wood-frame building rests on a concrete slab foundation and terminates in a gable roof sheathed in corrugated metal and corrugated plastic. The exterior of the building is clad in T1-11 wood siding and plywood. Windows consist of four-over-four-light, double-hung, wood-sash units; a one-light, horizontal sliding vinyl-sash unit; and window openings enclosed with Plexiglas. A nine-light, three-panel door is located on the east elevation. An addition was constructed on the west end of the building. Two, ten-light wood garage doors characterize this portion of the building. A six-panel wood door also is located on the addition. A wood-frame ell with a rectangular footprint and gable roof extends east of the primary building. According to the current property owner, the storage building incorporates an ice house at its east elevation.

Meat house

A ca. 1896 meat house is located northwest of the primary building. The one-story building occupies a rectangular footprint and faces east. The wood-frame building rests on a concrete block foundation and terminates in a gable roof. The exterior of the building is clad in German lap siding. The roof is covered in asphalt rolled roofing. Six-over-six-light, double-hung, wood-sash windows and a single, off-center entrance, characterize the building.

Shed 1

A ca. 1950 shed is located behind (north of) cottage B. The building occupies a rectangular footprint and rests on a concrete block foundation. The building terminates in a gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles and roofing felt. A vertical wood door with exterior metal strap hinges characterizes the building. The shed was nearly completely covered in vegetation.

Shed 2

A ca. 1950 shed is located behind (north of) cottage D and faces east. The shed is open on the east elevation. The concrete-block shed terminates in a shed roof sheathed in standing seam metal. One-light, paired windows are located along the west elevation.

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Equipment shed

A ca. 1950 four-bay equipment shed is located north of the former sanitarium and faces south. The wood-frame building is clad in asphalt shingles. The building terminates in a side gable roof sheathed in corrugated metal. One bay contains a single wood-panel door and window. The three remaining bays have paired, hinged, swing doors. One-and-a-half sets of the doors are missing. Fixed, one-light windows are located on the north elevation.

Root cellar

A ca. 1861 poured concrete root cellar is found south of the former sanitarium. Only the shed roof is above ground. The roof is clad in plastic over standing seam metal.

Water tank

A ca. 1950 poured concrete water tank is located north of the former sanitarium. The tower occupies a circular footprint and is not elevated. The roof is missing.

Evaluation

The Riggs Cottage Sanitarium is locally significant for the broad pattern of medical history in Frederick County for the period ca. 1896 to 1969 (National Register of Historic Places Criterion A). The Riggs Sanitarium possesses integrity of feeling, association, design, and location and conveys its historic context, the broad pattern of medical history in Frederick County, and its period of significance, ca. 1896 to 1969.

Born in 1870, George H. Riggs was the son of Christopher M. and Angeline Riggs. Christopher Riggs was a carpenter and a member of the General Assembly in 1876, 1878, and 1880. Dr. George H. Riggs founded Riggs Cottage Sanitarium in 1896 to treat male and female patients with "mild nervous and mental diseases". He also acted as Ijamsville's family physician for over fifty years, and treated over 1,000 patients at his hospital. Dr. Riggs was educated locally at public schools and spent one year at school in Baltimore, before returning to Frederick County to be educated at Glenellen Academy. He graduated from the University of Maryland in 1891 with a degree in medicine. He was a resident physician at Conrad's Sanitarium for Nervous and Mental Diseases in Relay, Maryland. Dr. Riggs was a member of the Medical Society of Frederick County. He married Cordelia Duvall in 1896 and together they had two children, Evelyn and George. According to the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties form, Christopher Riggs constructed the three houses that comprise the hospital to house Welsh families working in the slate quarry in 1861. Dr. Riggs converted the houses into the sanitarium when he founded the hospital in 1896; however, it appears that Dr. Riggs acquired the property from his parents in 1898 (Liber DHH1 Folio 191). Dr. Riggs died in 1957.

Until the late nineteenth century, hospitals played a limited role in health care. Home care was the preferred alternative, particularly for the wealthy; almshouses treated seamen, urban workers, and those without other options. Between 1870 and 1920, the hospital underwent a dramatic change. The number of hospitals increased in urban areas, small towns, and rural communities. The medical profession became more professional during the period. Hospitals as a building type were not fully developed during the nineteenth century. The design of hospitals incorporated new scientific discoveries. The pavilion design, which utilized one-story adjoining buildings, applied new theories on hygiene and sanitation. Facilities for nurses were integral to the design of hospital complexes. Changes in medicine and hospital administration helped influence the design of hospitals.

Dr. George H. Riggs treated patients from Florida, Tennessee, West Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania suffering from paranoia, melancholia, epilepsy, and dementia (www.heritagequestonline.com). Patients received partial or complete rest cures, hydrotherapy, massage, baths, and suitable medication (Riggs n.d.). Dr. Riggs sold the property to Drs. Hosea and Julia McAdoo in 1939. The McAdoos continued to operate the sanitarium. In 1953, the McAdoos sold the property to Dr. Joseph Lerner, who also operated the facility as a hospital. The property was acquired by the current owners in 1998. The property was converted into a restaurant when it was purchased by Guy and Hermelinda Gabriel in 1969. Riggs Sanitarium contains seven buildings and includes the former sanitarium, as well as cottages A, B, C, and D, the meat house, and the root cellar. Six non-contributing buildings are located on the site and include the storage building, the stable, shed 1, shed 2, the equipment shed, and the water tank. The sheds, stable, water tank and storage and equipment buildings are mid-twentieth century resources, do not possess the qualities of significance, and lack integrity of feeling, association, design, and

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location to convey their association with the sanitarium and late nineteenth and twentieth century medical history in Frederick County.

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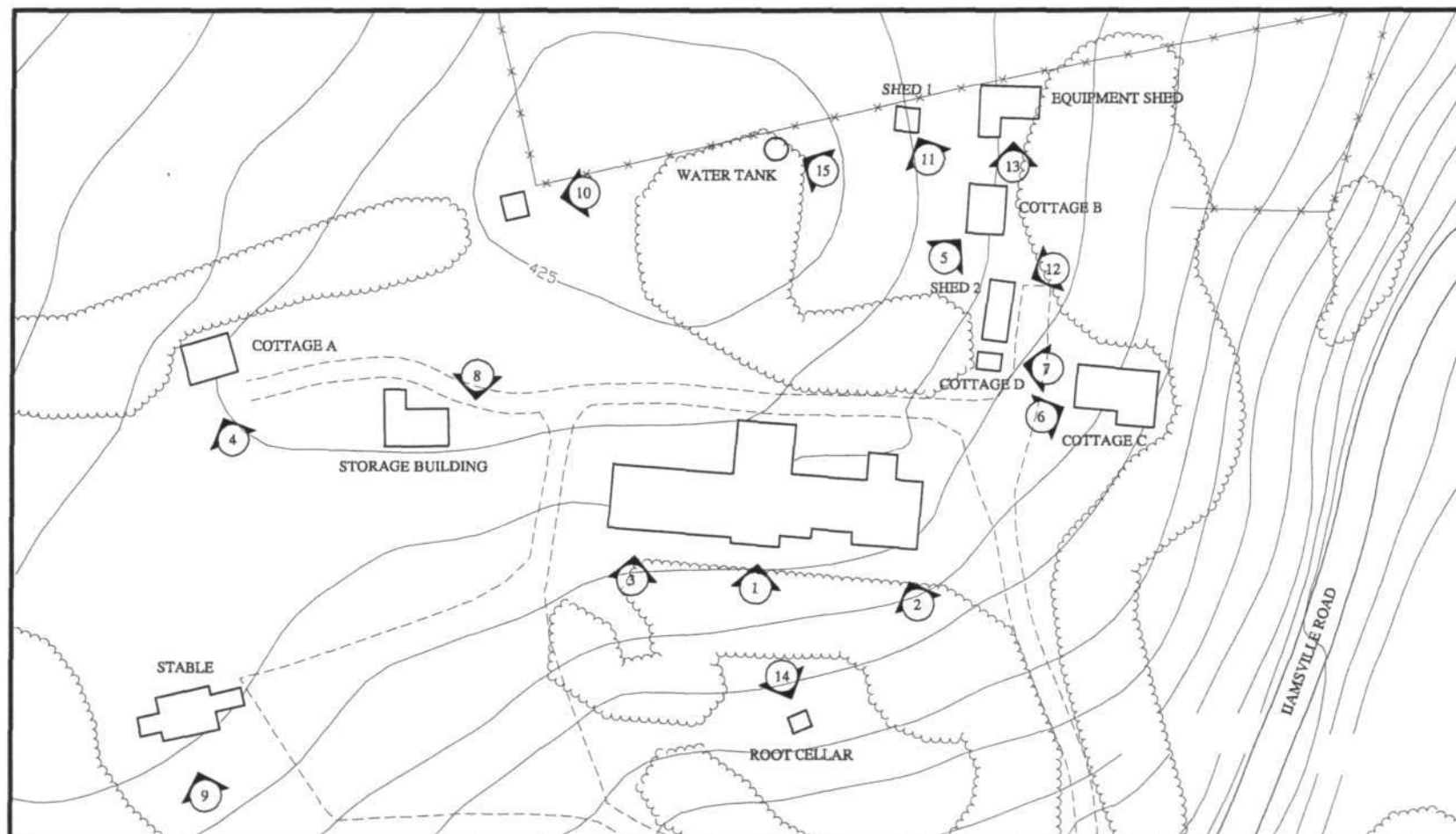
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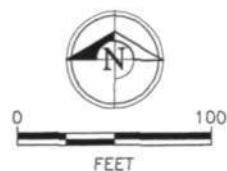
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Date Prepared: 2 February 2004



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 - - - DRIVEWAY/UNPAVED ROAD
 ~~~~~ TREELINE  
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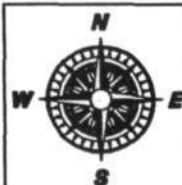
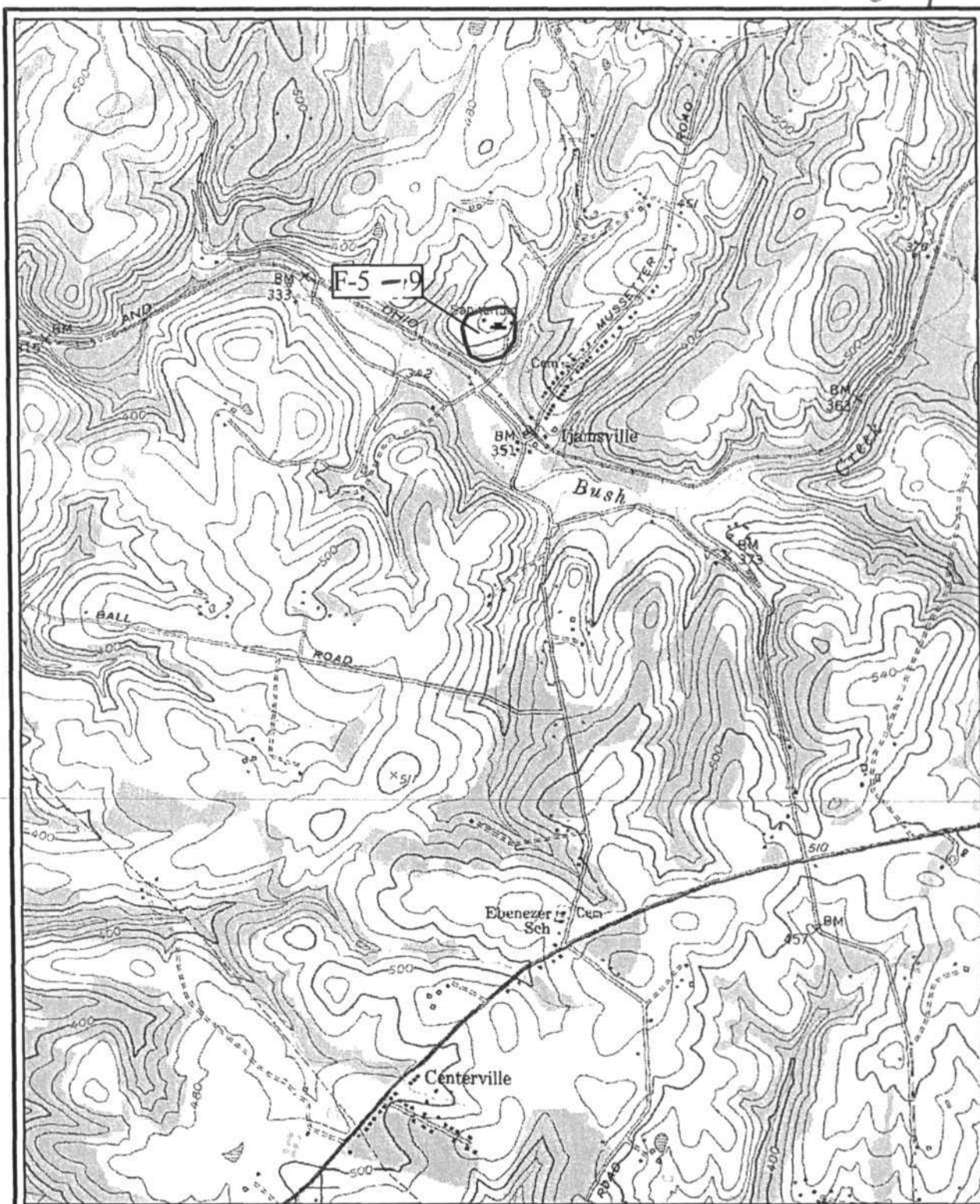
# PHOTOGRAPH LOCATION AND NUMBER



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 RIGGS SANITORIUM  
 Ijamsville  
 Frederick County, Maryland  
 Resource Sketch Map, Keyed  
 Drawn By: KP, BW  
 February 2004

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KEY:

□ Riggs Sanitarium

SCALE 1:24000

0 1000 2000 4000 Feet

Disclaimer: This is for general location only.

Source: USGS, URBANA  
7.5' QUADRANGLE, 1953  
(PHOTOREVISED 1986)

LOCATION MAP

F-5-9 RIGGS SANITARIUM

IJAMSVILLE, FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

Date: 02/11/04

Prepared By: TAG



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RIGGS SANITARIUM (MAIN BUILDING)  
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND  
KATHERINE GRANDINE  
JULY 2003  
VIEW NORTHEAST  
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F-5-009  
RIGGS SANITARIUM (SECOND BUILDING)  
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND  
KATHERINE BRANDINE (  
JULY 2003  
VIEW NORTH WEST  
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F-5-009  
RIGGS SANITARIUM (FORMER NURSES HOUSE)  
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND  
KATHERINE GRANDINE  
JULY 2003  
VIEW NORTHEAST  
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F-5-009  
RIGGS SANITARIUM (COTTAGE A)  
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND  
KATHERINE GRANBY  
JULY 1903  
VIEW NORTH  
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F-5-009  
RIGGS SANITARIUM (COTTAGE B)  
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND  
KATHLENE GRANDY  
JULY 2003  
VIEW NORTHEAST  
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RIGGS SANITARIUM (COTTAGE C)  
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND  
KATHERINE GRANITZ  
JULY 2003  
VIEW NORTHEAST  
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RIASS SANITARIUM (COTTAGE D)  
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND  
WILBERT PEELER  
DEC 2003  
VIEW NORTH WEST  
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F-9-009  
RIGGS SANITARIUM (STORAGE BUILDING)  
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND  
KATHERINE GRANTINE  
JULY 1983  
VIEW SOUTHWEST  
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RIGGS SANITARIUM (STABLE)

FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND

WILBERT PEELER

DEC. 2003

VIEW NORTH

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RIGAS SANITARIUM (HEAT HOUSE)  
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND  
WIRSTEN PEELER  
DEC 2003  
VIEW WEST  
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RIGGS SANITARIUM (SHED 1)  
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND  
KIRSTEN PEELER  
DEC 2003  
VIEW NORTHWEST  
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RIGGS SANITARIUM (SHED 2)  
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND  
KATHERINE GRANDINE  
JULY 2003  
VIEW SOUTHWEST  
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RIGGS SANITARIUM (EQUIPMENT SHED)  
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND  
KATHERINE GRANDINE  
JULY 2003  
VIEW NORTH  
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F-5-009  
RIGGS SANITARIUM (FOOT CELLAR)  
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND  
KIRSTEN PEZLER  
JULY 2003  
VIEW NORTHEAST  
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F-5-009  
RIGGS SANITARIUM (WATER TANK)  
FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND  
KATHERINE GRANDINE  
JULY 2003  
VIEW SOUTHWEST  
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Rigg's Sanitarium  
Ijamsville  
Private

C. 1862

The Rigg's Sanitarium is a large frame building consisting of three main buildings connected by a variety of additions and hallways which were originally built by Christopher Riggs for housing of Welsh families who worked in the nearby Ijamsville slate quarries.

In 1896, Dr. George H. Riggs, son of the original builder of the cottages, established the Riggs Cottage Sanitarium for nervous and mental diseases which operated until 1969. The cottages were converted into twenty-seven patient rooms, a patient's sitting room, dining room, kitchen, two examining rooms, doctors and nurses facilities and several sun porches.

The sanitarium treated as many as 1,030. As one of the foremost psychiatrists of the time, Dr. Riggs type of treatment was considered innovative and advance for the times. The buildings are now used for a French restaurant.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Riggs Sanitarium

AND/OR COMMON

Gabriel's Restaurant

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

West of Ijamsville Road

6th E D 9

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF Ijamsville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Frederick

STATE

COUNTY

Map 87 P 211

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☒ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Guy Gabriel

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 1, Box 39A

CITY, TOWN

Ijamsville VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md 21701

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Court House

Liber #: 886

Folio #: 596

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Record Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Md 21701

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Riggs Sanitarium is a large frame building consisting of three main buildings connected by a variety of additions and hallways. The building is set on a hill facing south from the west side of Ijamsville Road near the town of Ijamsville.

The first cottage located on the west end of the building is a two and a half story frame structure which is four bays wide. It is built on a low random rubble stone foundation with a slate roof finished by a boxed cornice with return and double hung 6/6 windows occupy all four bays on the south side. Two brick chimneys straddle the gable on the east and west ends.

The second cottage is almost identical to the first cottage except for the addition of a kitchen area on the north side which was added to the building in 1931.

The third cottage is a two story frame structure which was converted from a two and a half story structure in the 1930's after fire destroyed the top part of the building.

At one time as many as twenty seven patient rooms existed in addition to a patient's sitting room, dining room, kitchen, two examining rooms, doctors and nurses facilities and several sun porches.

The houses were originally built in 1862 by Dr. Riggs father, Christopher Riggs, and used by six Welsh families who worked in the slate quarries of Ijamsville.<sup>1</sup> The building is now open to the public as a French restaurant.

1 Ijamsville, the Story of a Country Village, Frederick News-Post, Feb.-March 1951

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

| PERIOD                                        |                                                 | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |                                                 |                                                                 |  |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--|
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|                                               |                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION               |                                                 |                                                                 |  |

SPECIFIC DATES      1862      BUILDER/ARCHITECT      Christopher Riggs

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Riggs Cottage Sanitarium for Nervous and Mental Diseases was established in Ijamsville in 1896 by Dr. George H. Riggs who practiced both medicine and psychiatry in Frederick County. The sanitarium operated until 1969 when it was converted into Gabriel's French Provincial Restaurant by the current owner, Guy Gabriel. In addition to Riggs, there were two other owners who were psychiatrists. Dr. and Mrs. Hosea McAdoo owned the sanitarium from 1939 until 1953 to 1969.<sup>1</sup>

Originally treating both men and women, Dr. Riggs was forced to limit admission only to women because of a lack of male nurses during World War I. The sanitarium did not only serve those in Frederick County; patients came from many places including North Carolina and Philadelphia. These patients had mild mental problems such as paranoia and feeble-mindedness. They also suffered from nervous breakdowns and some were schizophrenic. "Each patient receive(d) individual psychotherapeutic attention, occupation, and recreation, and every facility (was) offered for restoration under the most favorable hygienic conditions".<sup>2</sup> Difficult patients were transferred to Springfield State Hospital.

Dr. Riggs' medical and psychiatric practices and achievements were outstanding. He served as Ijamsville's family doctor for more than fifty years, and treated as many as 1,030 patients at the sanitarium. He has been regarded as one of the country's early psychiatrists and the type of treatment he gave his mental patients was considered innovative and advanced for the times.

- 1 Sale from Riggs to McAdoo - Frederick County Land Records, Liber 418, Folio 494  
Sale from McAdoo to Learner - Frederick County Land Records, Liber 522, Folio 429.
- 2 Advertisement distributed by Dr. Riggs describing the sanitarium.  
Acquired from Mrs. Evelyn Riggs England (daughter)

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 21.68 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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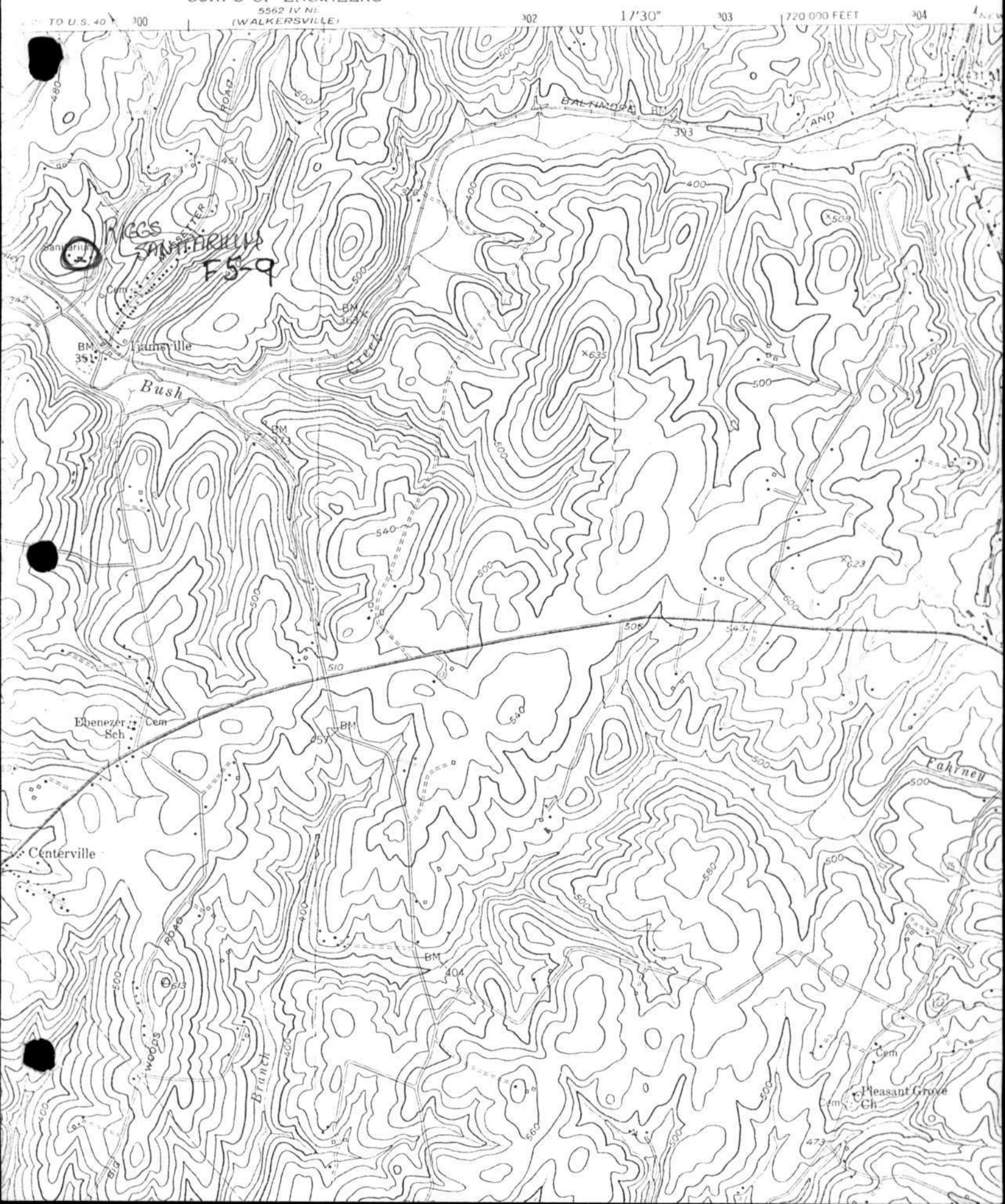
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SOUTH ELEVATION

CEW 5/77  
F-5-9



Rigg's Sanitarium

West side of Ijamsville Road in Ijamsville

Southeast view

CEW 8/17

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Rigg's Sanitarium

CEW 8/77

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Northwest view



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SOUTH + WEST ELEVATION